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| FOR: | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING AND IMAGING THREE-DIMENSIONAL VOLUME DATA SETS USING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL SAMPLING PROBE | § EXAMINER: | |
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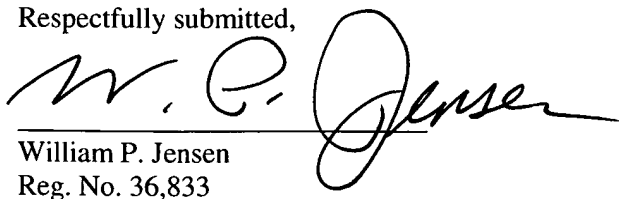
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), Applicants respectfully request special handling of this Application.

As described in the application itself, Applicants' invention materially contributes to the discovery and development of hydrocarbon energy resources. More particularly, Applicants' invention is used by oil exploration and production companies to visualize and interpret large volumes of seismic data in order to discover and develop hydrocarbon resources more accurately and efficiently. A description of the related features and advantages of Applicants' invention is found on pages 9-11 of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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